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NEW-LONDON
Year Ending March 1, 1866

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REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN

OF THE

TOWN OF NEW-LONDON,

ACCOMPANIED BY THE REPORT OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1866.

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OF THE

TOWN OF NEW-LONDON

AS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

STANDARD SCHOOL, NEW-LONDON

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REPORT.

Ministerial Department.

Paid Micajah Morgan, for Baptist society,	59.00
James Todd, for Christian society,	11.65
Stephen Davis, for Universalist society,	8.75
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	\$79.40

School Department.

Paid District No. 1, Amos Hastings,	\$78.60
2, Nathaniel C. Knowlton,	80.17
3, James H. Brown,	210.30
4, William T. Bean,	104.90
5, Benjamin Everett,	88.28
6, Job Cross,	56.89
7, Charles C. Pingree,	56.66
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	\$675.80

State Aid.

Paid Samuel Messer,	\$56.00
Maria Ellis,	40.00
Michael Larden,	32.60
Frances J. Lane,	52.00
Asa Ray,	34.66
Margaret McCarmel,	72.00
Mary Annis,	48.00
Mary H. Messer,	20.00
Augusta McFarland,	14.00
Levi H. Wiley,	32.00
Lucinda Chase,	60.00
Maria E. Sargent,	17.34
Enoch Messer,	40.00
Caroline Woodman,	16.00
Enoch Collins,	106.60
Valentine E. Bunker,	32.00

Paid George H. Saunders,	12.00
Comfort Goings,	7.20
Clara A. Goings,	10.80
Mary C. Messer,	24.50
Lydia Stinson,	8.00
Rebecca Ellis,	28.00
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	\$763.10

Town Debts.

Paid Manning Seamans, amount of note,	\$212.65
Richard A. Messer, do.	526.60
Nahum T. Greenwood, do.	1,081.00
Alvin Williams, do.	115.94
do. do. do.	23.92
George M. Knights, execution,	113.61
Asa B. Pillsbury, amount of note,	108.00
David Smith, do.	102.66
Enoch Messer, do.	123.70
David Smith, services on town farm,	300.00
Ira Smith, amount of note,	973.65
Benjamin W. Gay, amount of note,	203.35
Ellen F. L. Everett, do.	107.52
Mrs. J. N. Hanaford, do.	551.84
Anthony Colby, services as agent,	209.00
Sally Currier, amount of note,	278.61
Martha Greenwood, do.	233.71
do. do. do.	113.76
do. do. indorsed on note,	50.00
Abba Mills, amount of note,	116.85
Warner Bank,	500.50
George Jewett, indorsed on note,	230.00
Stephen Whittier, do.	50.00
Mary S. Harvey, do.	33.63
Martha Andrews, do.	101.30
David Baldwin, do.	334.10
Sarah M. Wilkins, do.	84.10
Sarah S. Glitten, do.	366.09
Charles D. Glitten, do.	610.53
William A. Messer, do.	30.00
Curtis Messer, do.	70.00
Amos B. Currier, do.	24.00
Mrs. Harvey, amount of note,	102.00
James M. Harriman, interest on note,	80.00
do. do. amount of note,	1,001.75

Paid Micajah Morgan, amount of note,	241.39
Curtis Messer, do.	115.15
Joshua D. Hemphill, do.	226.05
Stephen Whittier, do.	106.45
Jameson Ellis, do.	55.54
do. do. do.	14.00
do. do. do.	136.87
Stephen Whittier, do.	56.50
Ira Smith, do.	1,193.73
Daniel Bickford, do.	72.53
William A. Messer, do.	51.30
Franklin Tenney, do.	130.25
Samuel J. Philbrick, do.	108.12
Francis P. Messer, do.	61.03
Joseph E. Phillips, do.	315.45
Abeah Clough, do.	212.80
Timothy Adams, do.	331.38
Cyrus Bunker, three notes,	334.06
Charles Woodward, indorsed on note,	60.00
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	\$12,986.37

Pauper Bills.

Paid Adaline Everett, for support of parents, 1864,	\$100.00
Dr. Elkins, bill for F. Folsome,	4.50
D. Osgood, bill F. Reed,	3.06
F. Folsome, do	6.00
Josiah T. Sanborn, bill for pauper,	21.00
Sutton selectman, bill for Moses Everett,	29.00
Josiah T. Sanborn, bill for pauper,	30.00
Adaline Everett, support of parents,	100.00
Town of Webster, for Mrs. Heath,	25.00
Adaline Everett, for support of parents,	50.00
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	\$368.56

Roads and Bridges.

Paid John Williams, work on road,	\$6.00
Sanford Fisher, breaking roads,	16.57
A. Nelson Todd, do	25.25
Lewis A. W. Heath, do	8.85
William S. Messer, do	12.00
Osborn French, do	9.26
John Robie, do	3.38
George M. Knight, do	1.50

Paid James M. Jewett, breaking roads,	17.60
Curtis Messer, do	1.50
Enoch Messer, do	2.00
George M. Knight, repairing bridge,	7.50
William G. Nelson, breaking roads,	2.25
Joshua D. Hemphill, lumber,	3.88
Timothy Quimby, work on road,	3.75
Daniel Bickford, lumber,	2.63
Joseph C. Adams, breaking roads,	13.25
Charles Jewett, do	6.61
Belden Morgan, do	10.68
Asa B. Pillsbury, do	1.76
Frank P. Messer, repairing roads,	5.00

 \$161.22

Town Charges for the Year 1865.

Paid Auditor's bill for 1864,	\$2.00
Warner bank, interest,	7.75
William M. Cheney, public water,	1.00
M. W. Tappan, damage to E. Baker,	10.00
John Pressey, for surveying,	1.25
Newton Manahan, damage to sleigh,	1.00
McFarland & Jenks, for reports 1864-5,	53.00
Micajah Morgan, for wood,	2.50
State Tax,	2,370.00
County Tax,	652.14
Rev. Lucian Hayden, Supt. School Committee,	30.00
Frank O. Dow, digging graves,	14.00
Otis Jenks, for making bier,	2.00
Eliphalet Gay, for public water,	2.25
J. D. Guernsey, blank check lists,	1.00
Curtis Messer, cost getting town indicted,	11.35
A. Nelson Todd, work on town hall,	1.25
Horace Morgan, for digging graves,	10.50
Edwin Jones, bill Town Clerk,	10.00
Greenwood & Burpee, town hall,	13.60
Luther McCutchins, cash for stationery, &c.,	4.90
Town farm taxes,	41.61
Austin Todd, collector of taxes,	60.00
James M. Nelson, selectman,	28.50
Anthony C. Burpee, do	20.00
Luther McCutchins, do	90.00

 \$3,441.60

Abatement of Taxes for the Year 1865.

Timothy Adams,	\$22.50
Frederick Flanders,	3.60
George Hemphill,	4.60
Samuel Messer,	3.60
John McMinn,	3.60
Asa N. Todd,	4.50
Eli Todd,	3.00
Timothy Adams, for the year 1864,	27.00
Nonresident taxes paid in labor,	.63
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	\$73.03
Amount charged,	<hr/>
	\$18,549.09

The Selectmen credit the town of New-London for the year 1865 as follows:

Received balance in hands of Selectmen for 1864,	\$358.83
List of taxes assessed for 1865,	6,350.39
Manning Seamans, (borrowed),	500.00
Osborn French, do	190.00
Stephen Whittier, do	200.00
David Baldwin, do	325.00
Asa N. Todd, do	100.00
Simeon Hall, do	300.00
Mary Jewett, do	130.00
Joseph E. Phillips, do	300.00
Asa B. Pillsbury, do	160.00
Franklin Tenney, do	125.00
Warner bank, do	500.00
Ira Smith, do	1,153.00
Thomas Kidder, do	375.00
Harriet Whitney, do	124.00
William Morgan, do	300.00
Martha J. Andrews, do	100.00
George M. Jewett, do	534.00
Sally Currier, do	325.00
Daniel S. Seamans, do	100.00
Jona. Russell, do	100.00
George R. McFarland, do	300.00
Jona. W. Buswell, do	100.00
Annah C. Buswell, do	50.00
William G. Nelson, do	300.00
William A. Messer, do	80.00
Lorinda Addison, do	50.00

Received Obadiah Morgan,	(borrowed),	250.00
Eliphalet Gay,	do	100.00
Judith S. Messer,	do	200.00
Sarah S. Fulton,	do	700.00
John Messer,	do	175.00
— Trussell,	do	200.00
Jane E. Graves,	do	600.00
Jane E. Graves,	do	1,400.00
John Hoit,	do	300.00
Fanny Hoit,	do	100.00
Obadiah Morgan,	do	100.00
Railroad tax,		69.67
Ira P. Whittier, interest on note,		29.50
George Fisher, do do		30.96
State aid,		2,328.26
Savings Bank tax,		57.32
Literary Fund money,		25.00
Balance from town farm,		249.15
Asa Randlet, ministerial fund,		121.88
Amount credited,		\$20,576.96
Whole amount credited,		\$20,576.96
Whole amount charged,		18,549.09
Balance in hands of Selectmen,		\$2,027.87
Whole indebtedness of town,		\$25,126.00
Means of paying the same,		5,123.00
		\$20,003.00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

LUTHER McCUTCHINS,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>New-London.</i>
ANTHONY C. BURPEE,	
JAMES M. NELSON,	

This certifies that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen for the past year, and find them correctly cast and duly vouched.

GEORGE M. KNIGHT,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
STEPHEN DAVIS,	

Indebtedness of the Town.

To Mary Jewett,	\$260	To Adam Davis,	170
John M. Dow,	280	Augusta Davis,	190
Asa B. Pillsbury,	411	Nancy Brown,	43

To Martha Greenwood,	450	To David Hayes,	500
George M. Jewett,	106	Enoch C. Adams,	200
John Lewis,	106	John Trussell,	100
J. Alfred Bean,	106	Lorinda Addison,	90
Ransom Sargent,	256	Sarah Brown,	138
David W. Bunker,	132	Manning Seamans,	500
Augusta McFarland,	52	Osborn French,	190
Luther McCutchins,	106	Stephen Whittier,	200
Mary E. Adams,	50	Asa N. Todd,	100
Cyrus Adams,	300	Simeon Hall,	300
Eli Todd,	200	Mary Jewett,	130
Harriet S. Messer,	125	Asa B. Pillsbury,	160
Jacob Messer,	300	Thomas Keder,	375
Charles Jewett,	200	Harriet Whitney,	124
John Knowlton,	1,000	William Morgan,	300
Ransom Sargent,	100	George M. Jewett,	304
Manning Seamans,	250	Sally Currier,	325
Augusta M. Davis,	60	Daniel S. Seamans,	100
George H. Saunders,	225	Jonathan Russell,	100
Charles Jewett,	100	Geo. K. McFarland,	300
Harriet Messer,	134	Jonathan W. Buswell,	100
Royal A. Bunker,	106	Ann C. Buswell,	50
Margaret Burpee,	26	William G. Nelson,	300
Laura Davis,	120	Lorinda Addison,	50
Enoch C. Adams,	100	Obadiah Morgan,	250
Aiah Clough,	400	Eliphalet Gay,	100
Martha A. Adams,	31	Judith S. Messer,	200
Hezekiah Messer,	53	Sarah S. Fulton,	700
Charles Woodward,	160	John Messer,	175
Albert Little,	300	— Trussell,	200
Sarah M. Wilkins,	75	Jane E. Graves,	600
William Clough,	300	“ “	1,400
John Brown,	802	John Hoit,	300
Austin Morgan,	500	Fanny Hoit,	100
Delia M. Page,	100	Obadiah Morgan,	100
Eliphalet Gay,	500	Mary George,	2,000
Sarah Brown,	180	George M. Knight,	505
Rhoda Brown,	70	H. Marshall Fales,	150
Albert Little,	250	Alexander Whitney,	100
Osborn French,	113	Interest on the above,	1,346
Amos B. Currier,	400		
Mary A. Messer,	100	Am't of indebtedness,	\$25,126
E. Sargent Putney,	120		

LUTHER McCUTCHINS, } *Selectmen of*
 ANTHONY C. BURPEE, } *New-London.*
 JAMES M. NELSON, }

A Schedule of Property at Town Farm, February 25, 1866.

6 tons stable hay,	\$72.00	8½ galls. vinegar,	2.40
13 tons stock hay,	130.00	Garden sauce,	1.50
2 tons meadow hay,	10.00	140 lbs. flour,	8.00
1 pair oxen,	215.00	1 barrel soap,	4.00
5 cows,	200.00	1 cart and fixings,	24.00
2 yearling steers,	50.00	1 plough,	4.00
2 yearling heifers,	50.00	1 harrow,	2.50
4 calves,	40.00	1 drag, beetle and wedges,	1.50
2 shoters,	40.00	4 chains and 2 ox yokes,	7.00
20 hens,	10.00	3 axes and 1 wheelbarrow,	2.50
180 bushels potatoes,	72.00	1 horse rake,	2.50
60 " oats,	36.00	Haying tools,	2.00
8 " barley,	6.40	5 augurs,	1.00
11 " corn,	13.75	1 cheese press,	1.00
1½ " beans,	3.75	2 wood saws and 1 grind-	
1 " peas,	1.50	stone,	3.00
1 barrel pork,	40.00	1 sled,	2.00
150 lbs. ham,	27.00	1 cook stove,	8.00
20 lbs. lard,	5.00	1 sap pan and buckets,	9.50
½ barrel beef,	12.00	1 iron bar,	1.50
20 lbs. butter,	7.00	Wearing apparel,	10.00
8 lbs. dried pumpkin,	.40	Household furniture,	60.00
10 doz. candles,	2.00	¾ bush. grass seed,	3.00
10 lbs. dried apple,	1.67		
2 barrels cider,	13.00		
			<hr/> \$1,219.37

The Town Farm is credited for the Year 1865 as follows :

Received of David Smith, for hay,	\$15.90
Hens,	3.00
Daniel S. Seamans, two heifers,	50.00
Arthur C. Burpee, hay, &c.,	34.50
E. Preston, for butter,	45.00
— Bradstreet, oxen,	240.00
Oliver K. Russell, 7½ lbs. butter,	2.62
Nathaniel Knowlton, one steer,	54.00
James Morgan, do.	54.00
Nathaniel Knowlton, for pasturing and use of trees,	5.00
County paupers,	89.00
Albert Hunting, for pasturing colts,	8.00
Edwin P. Burpee, for pasturing colt,	1.00
James Morgan, for one calf,	5.00
do. do. 30 lbs. veal,	2.40
do. do. one calf-skin,	90

\$610.32

The Town Farm is charged for the Year 1865 as follows :

Paid Micajah Morgan, one pair oxen,	\$184.00
S. D. Greeley, insurance,	4.94
S. Ferren, coffin for Ethan Wood,	8.50
Henry H. Langley, work haying,	30.00
John Messer, thrashing,	6.75
S. M. Whipple, bill for Ethan Wood,	10.00
do. do. Mrs. Heath,	5.00
John M. Dow, smith-work,	1.50
Charles Jewett, work on farm,	6.32
Edmund Davis, jr., for pig,	4.50
Greenwood & Burpee, to balance account,	44.15
Charles S. Sargent, do.	14.50
Russell & Son, do.	32.29
James Morgan, 19½ lbs. veal,	1.55
do. for beef,	4.87
do. do.	2.30
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	\$361.17

Amount credited,	\$610.32
Amount charged,	361.17
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Balance in favor of farm and carried to credit of town, \$249.15

LUTHER McCUTCHINS,	} <i>Selectmen of</i>
ANTHONY C. BURPEE,	
JAMES M. NELSON,	
	<i>New-London.</i>

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Four male teachers and twelve female teachers have conducted our schools. Instruction has been given to two hundred and forty-eight different scholars; of whom one hundred and forty are boys, and one hundred and six girls. Appropriations to meet the expenses have been made as follows: From the Literary Fund, \$25; from the Town Fund, \$24; from taxes, \$640.80, and, additionally, in one or two instances, board has been supplied to the teacher.

In the West District, No. 1, the school was taught successfully, in the Summer, ten weeks, by Miss Lizzie S. Messer; and in the Winter, eleven weeks, by Miss Josephine W. Bradford, both of whom, for their fidelity, efficiency and perseverance, are entitled to commendation. One of these teachers gratefully reports that she heard from no scholar a profane or vulgar word. The other returns thanks for the hearty coöperation of parents, and records the welcome testimony that the government of the school was sustained without trouble, and that the scholars were uniformly obedient, docile and diligent, each apparently endeavoring to do right. This school, though small, is an ornament both to the district and to the town, and has received the unqualified approval of the superintending committee.

At Burpee Hill, in District No. 2, during the Summer term of eight weeks the school was faithfully and successfully instructed by Miss Mary Knowlton. She was followed, in the Winter, by Miss Sarah A. Clough, who subsequently resigned, and left the completion of the term to Mr. Nathaniel Todd. The report presented to the Superintending Committee, by the teachers of the Winter term, is defective: omitting these items required by law, namely, "The branches of learning taught," and "the progress," "moral deportment," and "habits of study" of the pupils.

In the Central District, No. 3, during the Summer, Miss Mary E. Andrews taught ten and a half weeks. The whole number of different scholars was forty-six; thirty-five of whom attended to reading, thirty to spelling, four to composition, fourteen to geography, eight to grammar, and twenty-seven to arithmetic. One parent only visited the school prior to the final examination. Number of dismissals from the school for a portion of a day, fifty; and instances

of tardiness, two hundred and sixty-nine. The cases of absence for a day, or for several successive days, were numerous, occasioning, on the part of many pupils, a loss of one third, one half, and even more than one half of the term. Irregularities in attendance, so frequent and multiplied, infallibly hinder the progress of the school, especially by breaking up organized classes, and introducing other embarrassments which no teacher can avert or remove; all which, under the circumstances, could have been reasonably anticipated, Miss Andrews, by faithful labors, really accomplished. This should be the model school of the town. Marked progress, however, will not result merely from the selection of a good teacher. Hearty co-operation of the parents, not only in visiting the school, but in securing the regular and punctual attendance of their children, and in encouraging cheerful and uniform obedience, is an indispensable element of success.

The Winter term had a favorable beginning under the direction of Mr. James Davis, who, by reason of sickness, was constrained to resign, and was succeeded for a brief period by Mr. O. W. Cutler.

At Low Plain, in District No. 4, the school was creditably managed for thirteen and a half weeks in the Summer, by Miss Abby M. Todd; and for twelve weeks in the Winter by Miss Sarah E. Todd. The Superintending Committee was gratified to discover, in each term, decisive indications of good order, diligent study, and commendable proficiency.

In District No. 5, at Seytheville, in nearly every class, during both summer and winter terms, marked improvement was exhibited. In the first of these terms, taught by Miss Adelaide E. Burpee, who performed her work with conscientious fidelity, the school was bereaved by death of two lovely and promising scholars, both from one family—Clara A. Alexander and Edwin W. Alexander. Mr. L. Henry Dutton, an earnest, energetic and vigilant teacher, executed his work well during the winter. The school, however, was somewhat impeded by multiplied instances of tardiness and absence.

Miss Katie E. Thompson, in the Summer, and Miss Emma Hazeltine, in the winter, accomplished each an excellent service in the North District, No. 6. Each term was short, but the kind and assiduous labors of these teachers inspired their pupils with increased interest in study, and yielded sure tokens that their toils had not been expended in vain.

In District No. 7, Pleasant Street, both the Summer term, which was taught by Miss Lorinda M. Addison, and the Winter term, which was taught by Miss Lydia J. Dickey, were creditable to the teachers and profitable to the pupils. Good order was uninterruptedly maintained.

Our schools are performing for the rising generation, at a trifling cost, an indispensable and noble service. The average reported ex-

pense for each pupil has not exceeded three dollars, or, one dollar and fifty cents for each term. With this insignificant expenditure, what other process can be conceived by which we can procure for our children equivalent advantages? A good elementary education, at least, we must give them. The due development of their faculties; a suitable preparation for future usefulness; the high responsibilities which they will hereafter assume as citizens of a free republic; these imperative considerations, combined with their moral and religious interests, devolve upon us the unmistakable duty of providing for them the educational facilities of efficient and well regulated primary schools. No reasonable pains should be spared to render our schools more efficient. By feasible methods they are susceptible of essential improvement. A wise discrimination may be employed in the selection of teachers; and we can refrain from weakening their influence by hasty, ill-timed and ungenerous criticisms. The fathers and the mothers should visit the schools, and, by personal inspection, know how they are managed. Children should be at school at the proper hour, and should attend, if possible, throughout the term,—not hindering themselves or their classes by occasional absences. A due regard to these few suggestions would essentially enhance the value of our schools.

According to the reports of the several teachers, the pupils who have distinguished themselves, at least in one term, for correct moral deportment, diligence in study, and high rank in scholarship, are the following, whose names are incorporated in

THE ROLL OF HONOR.

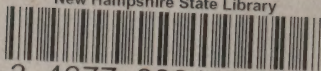
Ella F. Currier, Josephine B. Baker, Abby L. Jewett, Grace H. Manahan, Aurora A. Hemphill, Jennie M. Jaquith, Luella Knowlton, Ida L. Preston, Ella M. Pattee, Henrietta H. Loverin, Julia A. Morgan, Ella Heath, Grace Bean, Ella Fisher, Clara A. Alexander, Mary E. Adams, Fannie H. Gates, Addie M. Messer, Isadore A. Smith, Henrietta W. Putney, Jennie D. Ray, Chastina A. Cross, Laura A. Putney, Martha H. Pillsbury, Nellie Woodward, Martha Pingree.

Frank P. Jewett, H. Alonzo Baker, George F. Wiley, Newton L. Sargent, Frank Adams, Frank Todd, Edwin W. Alexander, George M. Putney, James T. Farwell.

In consequence of defective reports from a portion of the teachers, there may be other meritorious names which the S. S. Committee has not ascertained.

LUCIAN HAYDEN,
Superintending School Committee.

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